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AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25 line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

More preferably, the silanes employed in the practice of the present invention are blocked mercaptosilanes that can be represented by the Formulas (1-2):

$$\frac{[[(ROC(=O))_{p}-(G)_{j}]_{k}-Y-S]_{r}-G-(SiX_{3})_{3}}{[(X_{3}Si)_{q}-G]_{a}-[Y-[S-G-SiX_{3}]_{b}]_{c}} (1)$$